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Director of Federal Bureau of Prisons honors Fallen Heroes at National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial



WASHINGTON – Today, in a solemn wreath laying ceremony at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Charles E. Samuels, Jr., honored the 25 men and woman who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty during the agency’s eighty year history.

Director Samuels stated, “Every day when our staff walk through the doors of our 119 prisons around the country, they put the safety of the American people above their own. They knowingly put themselves in harm’s way to protect and keep our communities more safe and secure.” He ended his remarks

by stating, “Let us give meaning, every day, to our commitment to do everything we can to keep our staff safe as we carry out our mission to protect the American public.”

Director Samuels read remarks from Attorney General Eric Holder, who was unable to attend. In remembering the fallen, the Attorney General said “Their extraordinary patriotism and remarkable courage have made our country not only safer – but stronger.” He went on to state, “. . . let us resolve to carry forward their legacy, and let us keep working to fulfill the core promise of security, opportunity and justice – that became the cause of their lives, and that will continue to shape the Bureau’s mission for years to come.”

Today’s ceremony is an annual event for the Bureau of Prisons. The stories of the fallen can be found [here](#).